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LLOYD'S ANNUAL SUMMARY.

ORDERS STILL BELOW NORMAL.

LONDON, January 24.

Lloyd's annual summary shows that 1,500,000 tons of merchantmen were launched in the United Kingdom during 1921, of which 590,000 were for owners abroad. This is a decrease of 517,000 tons compared with the record year 1920.

The world output was 4,310,000 tons, a decrease of 1,500,000 tons compared with the output in 1920, but over 1,000,000 tons increase compared with the previous record in 1913.

The tonnage under construction in the world amounted to nearly 4,500,000 tons being 27,000 lower than a year ago. The construction of many of these vessels has been suspended and orders are still far below the normal.

HOSTILE MOSLEM.

NORTHLIFFE SHOCKED.

THINKS SITUATION UGLY.

BOMBAY January 24.

Lord Northcliffe, interviewed regarding the unrest, said he was shocked at the change of demeanour in the Indians, especially the Moslems, towards the whites. The Moslem situation was much uglier than the British press appeared to know, and official, commercial, and newspaper authorities were insistent on the urgency of an immediate settlement, which according to the moderate Mohammedans, was only possible by a change of British policy towards Turkey, including recognition of the Sultan as the head of Islam and the restoration of the sacred city of Adrianople and the whole of Asia Minor, including Smyrna, to Turkey.

BOMBAY, January 24.

Lord Northcliffe has sailed for Palestine.

GREAT LAKES CHANNEL SCHEME.

AMERICA NEGOTIATING WITH BRITAIN.

WASHINGTON January 24.

Negotiations have been begun between the United States and Britain on the proposed waterway between the Great Lakes and the St Lawrence in consequence of the opinion that some international agreement is desirable before Congress takes action.

CLAN LINE'S DEBENTURE ISSUE.

LONDON, January 24.

Subscriptions were invited to-day for the Clan Line issue of a loan of £1,500,000 in 7 per cent debentures at a price of 99. The Company is at present free of debenture liabilities and offers specific first mortgage on sixteen vessels valued at £3,226,000. It is stated that even in 1921, which was a bad year, the profits cover the interest on the issue four times.

FORMER ASTRONOMER ROYAL DEAD.

LONDON, January 24.

The death is announced of Sir William Christie, former Astronomer Royal.

[Sir William Henry Mahoney Christie, K.C.B., M.A., C.B., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., Hon. D. Sc. Oxf., was Astronomer Royal from 1881 to 1910. He published a manual of elementary astronomy and various scientific papers.]

GREAT CONDUCTOR DEAD.

LONDON, January 24.

Arthur Nikisch, the great conductor, has died at Leipzig from influenza.

GRAND GUIGNOL.

A tragedy which might afford a scene for the Grand Guignol took place at Marseilles.

A wealthy and much-respected couple named Tortora had been entertaining to luncheon their two sons, both of whom possessed florid-looking businesses of their own.

When the young men had left a quarrel arose, and Mme. Tortora accused her husband of favouring the older of their two children. After an hour's dispute she seized a sword hanging on the wall and chased her husband out on to the verandah of the house, giving him a serious wound.

He seized a spade to defend himself and with the first blow killed his wife.

by splitting her skull. Several of the neighbours had run to the scene but, frightened by the violence of the man, they dared not enter the garden. M. Tortora appeared on the verandah with blood pouring from the wound in his side, and holding on to a pillar explained what had happened.

"I have killed my wife," he cried, "because she was a shrew and has always obstructed my life with her nagging tongue and her violence. Now I am about to die too."

As he uttered the last words, he threw himself into the street below and was picked up dead.

About 1,700,000 pairs of surplus Army boots, breeches, and other foot-wear have been sold by the Imperial Comptroller during the past 12 months.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 1/7 1/8
To-day's opening rate 2/7 1/8

GEN'DA ECONOMIC PARLEY.

BOLSHEVIKS SENDING DELEGATES.

LARGE FOREIGN LOAN WANTED.

LONDON, January 24.

According to a Russia trade delegation telegram from Moscow the Bolshevik Government has accepted the invitation to the Genoa Conference. M. Tchitcherine has informed Signor Bonomi that the pan-Russian Executive Committee will meet on January 27 to appoint delegates. The telegram adds that plans are being elaborated for a large foreign loan and concessions in the Volga, as the reconstruction committee realises that restoration of agriculture cannot be realised without foreign capital.

MORE EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

MANIFESTO AUTHORS ARRESTED.

ARABIC JOURNALS SUSPENDED.

Cairo, January 24.

Up to the present four signatories of the non-co-operation manifesto have been arrested and five Arabic journals have been suspended for publishing the manifesto. Many students struck on hearing of the arrests.

LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY.

THREATENED CRISIS AVERTED.

LONDON, January 24.

The Lancashire cotton operatives have agreed to accept the employers' proposal to reduce from three months to one month the period of formal notice of alteration of wage. This has averted the threatened crisis, stabilised the industry for at least two months, and prevented the likelihood of a relapse in trade just when it should be showing real signs of recovery. It is understood that at the end of the two months an agreement will be reached with regard to reduction of wages which are at present 145 per cent. above the lists. It is stated that probably the employers will suggest a reduction of 45 per cent. on the list rates.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

S. BERJAN QUESTION SETTLED.

NAVAL TREATY AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, January 24.

Acceptance at to-day's meeting of the Far Eastern Committee of Japan's undertaking mentioned yesterday is regarded as apparently marking the settlement of the Siberian question.

Mr. Hughes reaffirmed the United States' position as against territorial aggression.

It is understood that the Japanese have agreed to the final drafting of the Naval treaty with a clause prohibiting fortifications in islands. The clause setting out the non-fortifiable Pacific islands is on the point of final drafting.

The Senate has rejected Senator Walsh's motion demanding information as regards the Shantung controversy.

REICHSTAG'S SPECULATION CHECK.

BERLIN, January 24.

With a view to checking speculation, the Reichstag has passed a bill operating on March 1 when transactions in foreign exchanges can only be carried out through the Reichsbank and other authorised banks.

RED INKED BUST.

LEADS TO SHARP FIGHT IN A UNIVERSITY.

At the Rome university, in the presence of many distinguished people, the bust was unveiled. Oberdanck, a martyr of Italian independence.

When Senator Barilli removed the cloth covering the bust, Oberdanck's features were found to be splashed with red ink. Pandemonium broke loose. Fascist (anti-Socialists) students attacking Communist students. In the midst of a violent affray with bats and sticks, a revolver shot rang out and made the panic worse.

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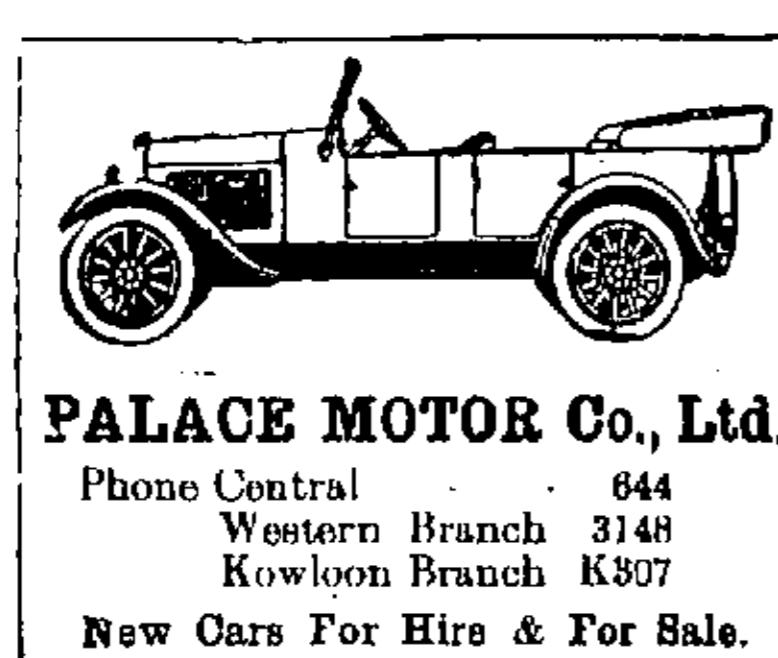
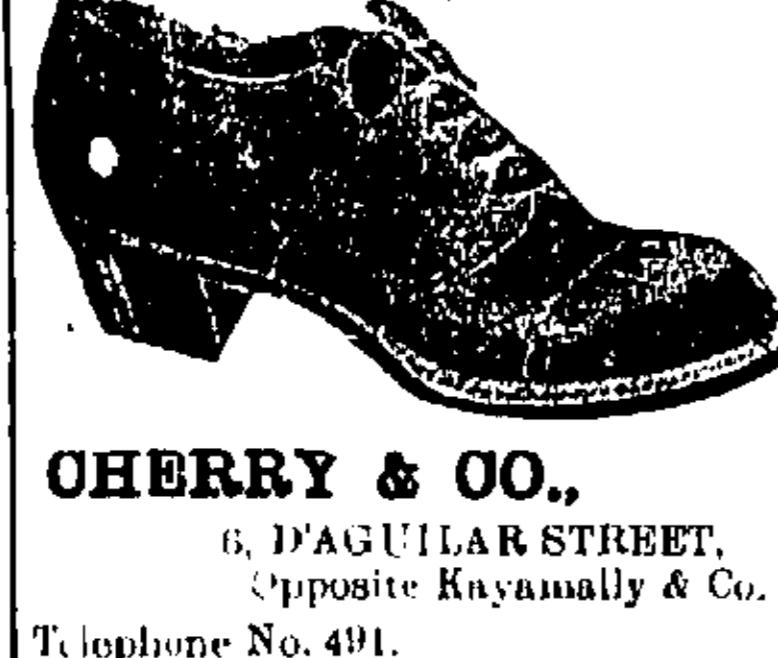
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CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

INTERESTING AUSTRALIAN
 VIEW.

Dr. T. J. Henry, who visited Hongkong last year has, since his return to Australia, contributed some interesting articles to the *Sydney Morning Herald* by whom he was commissioned to inquire into political and trade conditions in China.

Under the caption "The Situation in China" Dr Henry writes:—

It is said with wisdom that no mere visitor to China is competent to express any valid opinion upon the political situation in that strange land. But even a visitor may gather from the lips of residents of long experience the matured results of their continuous observation. It was this source I, therefore, sought for instruction when recently visiting the country. I had the opportunity of meeting several highly educated Chinese, men with University degrees, won either in England or in the United States, who spoke our language, with but little foreign accent, and with impeccable grammatical propriety; and I also conferred with Europeans and Australians who had spent years in official positions. My object was to obtain a succinct report upon the political to-day.

DR. SUN YAT SEN.

The great leader of the south is the celebrated Dr Sun Yat Sen. For about 25 years he has been a stormy petrel, and was long a fugitive in Japan or Europe or America, on account of his anti-Manchu sympathies. He took a prominent part in the revolution, and was chief of the Nationalist party in the south. Later, after spending some time in Japan, and being backed by Japanese influence, he returned and made Canton his headquarters. More recently he has completely repudiated all Japanese sympathies.

In 1917 he assembled a Parliament in Canton, and declared it to be the only body truly representative of the Republic. The North naturally refused to concede this. Sun thereupon declared South China to be an independent Republic. Civil war followed, and has gone on spasmodically ever since. It appears to resemble the old civil wars in England, inasmuch as the masses of the people go on in their ordinary way all the time, leaving the fighting to those who wish to take part. At the present time Sun is preparing an army to march on Peking—a fairly ambitious undertaking. The Peking authorities on their part are making preparations to give him a warm reception if ever he sets foot in the city. The foreign banks are incidentally building vast and powerful safe-deposit vaults in the old open Concessions so that their cash and documents will be under the guardianship of European soldiers. And for the Chinese soldiers, they are mainly little more than armed coolies. They are

hands of a junta of military adventurers, several of whom are little more than glorified bandit chiefs. But even this coterie has not been harmonious. There have been various feuds between its more prominent members, and rival leaders have even waged war on each other. A year or two ago General Tuan was practically supreme, but Generals Wu and Chang Tso Lin combined to defeat him. At the present moment Tso Lin is probably the most powerful man in China. The deposed heir to the Manchu throne is still resident in Peking, and is under the guardianship of the Government. He is kept in seclusion, and foreigners are not permitted to enter the palace and grounds, but he is treated with deference. There exists a royalist party who would recall the Manchus; but this party is small and makes little headway, and cannot be regarded as serious import. Although many speak with regret of the old Manchu days, and say that, after all, they were better governed and squandered less, yet this feeling is more abstract than concrete, and is not likely to lead to a royalist reaction.

WILL CHINA REUNITE?

Notwithstanding the popularity of Dr. Sun in the South, and his repudiation of the North, his real aim is said to be the reunion of his country under one stable republican Government. He hopes to bring this about by driving the present allegedly corrupt and inefficient military juntas from Peking. Probably he would like the capital of a United China to be in the great city of Canton, as his main strength is there. Canton boasts that she is the chief centre of light and leading, and that "what Canton thinks to-day China will think to-morrow." But it is recognised that Canton is just as far to the south of the true centre of gravity as Peking is to the north. There is a feeling that in the happy days when China is reunited the capital will be removed to Nanking—long ago the capital—or to Hankow, which is splendidly situated.

Educated Chinese deplore the weakness of the sentiment for national solidarity. Almost every province, and in some cases parts of provinces, have different colloquial dialects. A Chinaman is as much a stranger in speech to a fellow-countryman as is an Englishman to a Frenchman. Despite this there is a perceptible growth of national sentiment, an aspiration of "China for the Chinese." As knowledge of the outside world penetrates to the interior, as travel becomes more common, the younger Chinese are realising that the weakness of the common bond of blood relationship has allowed their country to become a prey to the exploitation of other peoples. Therefore, a dread of further interference from other nations is slowly welding the Chinese together. Japan is ever in the background, looming ominously in their imaginations. The alert and aggressive islander is looked upon with none too friendly eyes. Even the European nations are not beloved. Perhaps the least disliked of all is America.

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Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
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1920 1921

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Below overflow 1 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

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Consumption of water in Kowloon in
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INTIMATIONS

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO. LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together
with a statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary
to the General Managers

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
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Secretary

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**THE HONGKONG LAND
RECLAMATION CO. LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at 12 o'clock
noon for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with a statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

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Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.**

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Secretary

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Office of the Company
Union Building, on TUESDAY,
February 7th, 1922, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving a Report
of the Directors, together with a Statement
of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from January
24th to February 7th, 1922, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above
Company will be CLOSED from 28th
January to 7th February, 1922, both
days inclusive, during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

**HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be held
at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 4th Febru-
ary 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December
1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
25th January to the 6th February, 1922,
both days inclusive, during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

BANK HOLIDAY,
MONDAY, 30th January.

A TEA and DINNER DANSANT
will be held on MONDAY, 30th
January.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE
COMPANY will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
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Secretary

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

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**THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.**

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

NO CHANGE YET.

SOME INTERESTING RUMOURS.

There was no change in the strike situation to-day. Union officials hinted that there might be some fresh development to report tomorrow but they would not go any further than that.

There was a strong rumour this morning that a strike is imminent at the Canton end of the Kowloon-Canton railway. When approached on the subject both the general manager of the British section of the railway (Mr. H. P. Winslow) and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) declared that such a happening was improbable.

People are still discussing the "Kinshen's" trip to Canton. One version of the incident related to a *China Mail* reporter this morning was that the vessel, on approaching Canton, was made to change her red mercantile marine flag for the blue Admiralty ensign because she was carrying war-like equipment. Afterwards she was not allowed to carry cargo because she was reckoned to be a war vessel. It is also declared that the "Kinshen" was actually fired upon.

There were 147 ships in the harbour this morning. While it cannot be said that either side is actually weakening, signs are not wanting that some of the strikers are rejoining their division. There appears to be a small stream trickling back from Canton and it was learned to-day that in the case of one ship, the s.s. "Drifair," the whole of the crew except the firemen had returned to the vessel. The cargo coolies are still working busily.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) returned last night from a flying visit to Canton. Questioned by a *China Mail* reporter this morning Mr. Hallifax said that he had not seen the strikers and that the object of his trip was merely to see that the authorities down there were fully posted with the latest information available about the position at this end. He was, he said, acting practically in the capacity of a liaison officer.

SNATCHING INCIDENT.

EUROPEAN LADY CHASES THIEF.

Snatchers are still active. Miss Copperinger, of No. 84, The Peak was walking in May Road near Tregunter Mansion about 4.15 yesterday afternoon when a Chinese approached from behind and snatched her hand bag containing money and property valued at \$15. Miss Copperinger promptly seized the thief, but he broke loose and ran away. Miss Copperinger again gave chase and again caught the thief, who thereupon threw pepper in her face. This time he got away, as Miss Copperinger was forced to give up the chase.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

MR. A. ARCELLI'S XI. V. UNIVERSITY PAST AND PRESENT.

In the above match to be played on the I.R.C. ground on Saturday the 28th inst. at 1.30 p.m. the following will be Mr. Arcelli's XI—Messrs. S. Jex, G. Lee, H. Ching, M. Abbas, A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, J. S. Curreen, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. R. Ismail and A. d' Arcelli.

The following will represent the University Past and Present—Messrs. B.A. Ponsonby-Fane, Ng Sze Kwong, Wai Wing Lock, T. E. Yeoh, A. A. Rumjahn, W. Vickers, Hoalim, H. G. Hunt, W. Hall, M. B. Osman and Bolhatchet.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual show will be held in the Botanic Gardens on Thursday, March 2.

Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays a constant supply of water will be given in all rideau man districts during Friday and Saturday.

The China Light and Power Co., (1918) Ltd. notify consumers that owing to alterations, the supply of electricity will be stopped between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 28.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is advertised to be held at the City Hall on Saturday February 18, at noon. The Register of shares will be closed from Monday, February 6, to Saturday, February 18, both days inclusive.

Proceeding.

MAJOR CASSEL'S CAR.

EVIDENCE OF PLAINTIFF'S MANAGER.

Evidence for the plaintiff was heard by the Pui-ne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) at the Summary Court to-day in connection with the case in which the United Motor Company are suing Major Cassel for \$228.45 said to be due for storage, rent, work done, and goods supplied. He has a counterclaim against them for \$605.20 which sets out that careless workmanship by the plaintiff has damaged his car.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson is appearing to support the claim and Mr. F. G. Vaux for the defence.

Continuing his evidence yesterday, after our report had closed, Mr. J. B. Reeves, motor engineer, expressed the view that after he had put the car in order the depreciation in market value would not have been more than \$350. His belief was that the car was now as good as ever and he had a letter from Major Cassel saying that it was now running absolutely perfectly and would take any bill in the Colony on top gear.

Cross-examined by Mr. Tinson the witness explained how the car came into his hands for repair. Major Cassel was "fed up" because the car had been in the hands of several people for adjustment and had never run properly.

Opening the plaintiff's defence to the counterclaim, Mr. Tinson pointed out that Mr. Reeves was given "carte blanche" in handling the car; Mr. Rowe (the plaintiff's manager) was not. Major Cassel, in his evidence, admitted that the car had never gone satisfactorily. The United Motor Co. had never charged a penny to Major Cassel for work done on the car. It was admitted that others tried their hand at putting the car in order before Mr. Rowe had it. A Mr. Weir and his mechanic, Mr. Davis, had the car in hand between April 19 and 26. Mr. Rowe's case was that he found when the car came into his hands that the damage described by Mr. Reeves had already been done. The car was taken away before Mr. Rowe had had an opportunity of putting it in order.

From correspondence read out by Mr. Tinson it appeared that the car was damaged on the steamer on the way to Hongkong; its cradle was stowed in and a claim had to be made on the Insurance Company. Major Cassel noted, in writing to the Napier Company, that the teeth of the jack broke the first time it was used and this "drew his attention to the fact that it was an American production." The Napier Company also criticized Mr. Weir's interference with the timing and Mr. Tinson asked the Judge to disbelieve Major Cassel when he said that Mr. Davis did the tuning. The Judge suggested that Major Cassel might be only expressing his belief on the matter.

When the hearing was resumed this morning Mr. Albert Henry Rowe, manager of the United Motor Company, gave evidence. He said he had had from 15 to 20 years' experience in the motor car business—both with English and American cars. Discussing the history of his connection with the car witness said that in May Major Cassel told him that he had had all kinds of trouble with it and asked him to put it in working order. Witness agreed to do the work personally at Major Cassel's garage but said it must be done at his own convenience as he could not allow it to interfere with his ordinary business. He never gave witness any instructions not to take down the carburettor or take down anything else. On the following evening he went up to Major Cassel's garage with a friend and examined the car. He found a leak between the air cock and the petrol tank. Witness described the damaged condition of the tapcock and other parts of the car. There was never any intention, he said, of charging Major Cassel for the work done in connection with the car; it was all done in his own spare time. On the following day witness took down the carburettor and found that the gas had been leaking between the carburettor and the induction pipe.

After explaining to the Judge in detail, with the aid of an instruction book, what steps he took temporarily to repair the defect in the air pressure the witness said that after he got the pressure working alright Major Cassel asked if he could use the car. Witness replied that he could but did not hand the car over to him. Asked subsequently what he thought of the car Major Cassel said it was going better than it had ever done, but that he wanted witness to make some further adjustments. When witness saw Major Cassel later on the latter said that he had handed the car over to Mr. Reeves and witness asked him why. Major Cassel replied "To do what he likes with it" and refused to talk about the matter further, stating that any further discussion must be in writing.

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Proceeding.

INDO-CHINAS.

"A GOOD BUY."

The British, Foreign and Colonial Corporation, Ltd., investment bankers of London and Edinburgh, include the following notes in one of their circulars just received by a local man:

"Comparatively few companies at the present time are in so strong a financial position as to be able to show liquid assets equivalent to nearly five times the total share capital. Such is, however, the very satisfactory condition revealed by the Report and Accounts for 1920 of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. An analysis of the balance sheet shows that, leaving the fleet out of account entirely, there is a surplus of cash assets, after deducting liabilities and the amount of the Preferred Ordinary shares, of £2,361,347, equivalent to £47 12s. for each £5 Deferred share; whilst, if we include the Company's fleet at the very conservative balance sheet valuation of only £10 per ton, the surplus available is equivalent to no less than £66 for each Deferred share. The company's investments, moreover, consist for the most part of short-dated British Government securities valued at the market prices as on 31st December 1920, the present value being, of course, considerably in excess of these figures. The revenue account affords no less satisfactory reading, for the company's receipts by way of interest from its investments alone viz. £137,026, are practically sufficient to pay the 5% per cent. dividend which has been maintained for several years past on the Deferred shares."

"The net earnings of the fleet, which for the past year amounted to £123,379, are thus left practically intact to add to the already very large provisions for contingencies—depreciation, equalization of dividends, and other reserves. Nothing appears in the accounts for goodwill although this must be a very valuable asset considering the company's high standing and long established trading connections.

"That the company has been able to secure such good results in a period of depression like the year under review is of good augury indeed for the future, and it is not unreasonable to expect that these large annual accretions of undistributed profits should ultimately come to the Deferred shareholders in the form of a very substantial bonus. The Deferred shares appear to be a good purchase at their current quotation (Aug. 9) of about £40 5s."

COMPANY REPORT.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The report of the Directors of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., for the year ending December 31, for presentation to shareholders at the ordinary annual general meeting of the company to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, is as follows:

The Net Profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$14,169.70 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$213,484.69.

Which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share.....\$120,000.00

Pay a Bonus of 20 cents per share.....30,000.00

Transfer to Reserve Fund 25,000.00

Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account.....10,000.00

Carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account 28,484.69

\$213,484.69

Directors:—In accordance with Clause No. 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Pattenden, the very Rev. Father Robert, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. J. M. Alves retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and C. Bernard Brown, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY HUMPHREYS,

Chairman.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

After a prolonged stay at Greenock (or overhaul), the Holt liner "Achilles" has carried out successful tests on the Clyde, and has proceeded to Govan to go into dry dock. The vessel was built by Messrs. Scotts' Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Greenock, and the overhaul was completed by the same firm. The "Achilles" has been at Greenock since May.

Proceeding.

ROYAL SKIPPER.

PRINCE AXEL OF DENMARK HERE.

Prince Axel of Denmark who has entered the Danish merchant service as master of the big motor ship "Asia," arrived here this morning in that ship. A unit in the Det Ostasiatisk Kompagni's fine fleet, for which Messrs. Manners and Backhouse are the local agents, the "Asia" is on a voyage from Copenhagen to northern ports. This is Prince Axel's first visit to the Colony. The number of ships in port should impress him but not the reason why they are here. He joined the Danish merchant service about a year ago for a three-year term. A few months ago he visited Singapore on a previous voyage.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO.

(1918) LTD. beg to notify their

Consumers that owing to alterations in

the underground system of distribution

the supply of electricity will not

be available between the hours of 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 28th

instant.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 25, 1922.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,

COPENHAGEN.

THE MOTORSHIP

"ASIA."

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are

hereby informed that all goods are

being landed and stored at their risk into

the hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence

delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the

goods have left the Godowns, and all

goods remaining undelivered after the

1st February, 1922, will be subject to

rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged

goods are to be left in the Godown,

where they will be examined on the

1st February, 1922 at 10 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the

4th February, or they will not be re-

cognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned

by

MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 25, 1922.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE,

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY WILL BE ENTIRELY CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THE 28TH AND 29TH JANUARY, 1922. IT WILL BE OPEN FOR ALL PURPOSES UNTIL 12 NOON ON MONDAY, THE 30TH JANUARY, 1922. LICENSED WAREHOUSES WILL BE ENTIRELY CLOSED ON THOSE DAYS.

N. L. SMITH, Superintendent,

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 1912, THE EXCHANGE BANKS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, AND MONDAY, THE 28TH AND 30TH INSTANT.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 24, 1922.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR HONGKONG

PER S.A. "THESEUS" ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT OWING TO THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN HONGKONG DUE TO STRIKE OF SEAMEN, CARGO FOR HONGKONG WILL BE LANDED AT SHANGHAI AND CONSIGNEES ARE RECOMMENDED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AS TO INSURANCE ETC. ACCORDINGLY. THE CARGO WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO HONGKONG IMMEDIATELY CONDITIONS AT THIS PORT BECOME NORMAL.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE

Sailings:—To Canton daily at 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. (Sundays 10 p.m. only)

From Canton daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sundays 5 p.m. only)

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE

Sailings:—To Macao—Daily at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Sundays at 8 a.m. only).

From Macao—Daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sundays at 5 p.m. only).

"UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL SAILINGS SUSPENDED."

Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office, Union Building, or from Booking Agents, Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, and the American Express Company, Hongkong.

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FIUME having been re-opened for traffic, cargo is also accepted for this port on through Bills of Lading.

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S.S. "TRACIA" Sailing beginning of February.

FOR BRINDISI, VENICE, AND TRIESTE

S.S. "TRACIA" Sailing on or about 2nd half of February.

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ANDEN MARU Thursday, 18th Feb.

BUENOS AIRES Rio, Santos, Durban & Cape Town via Singapore.

Passenger Service

TACOMA MARU Monday, 13th Feb.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via SINGAPORE.

MALAYA MARU Wednesday, 8th Feb.

INDUS MARU Tuesday, 21st Feb.

DELI & BANGKOK VIA SAIGON & SINGAPORE—Regular Monthly

PASSENGER service.

KISHIMARU Saturday, 4th Feb.

CALCUTTA—Forthnightly service via Singapore, Penang and Bangkok.

TOYO MARU (Rangoon Direct) Thursday, 2nd Feb.

SHINRYU MARU Saturday, 4th Feb.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA—Via Shanghai and

Daipo—Regular fortnightly PASSENGER service touching at intermediate

ports in Japan and taking cargo to OVERLAND POINTS U.S.A. in connection

with Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railways.

MANILA MARU Thursday, 2nd Feb.

AFRICA MARU Saturday, 25th Feb.

NEW YORK, Via PANAMA Friday, 10th February.

HAVANA MARU Friday, 10th March.

JAPAN PORTS—Kobe & Yokohama via Shanghai.

ALASKA MARU Monday, 30th Jan.

KEELUNG & SWATOW & AMOY—These steamers have excellent accommoda-

tion for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class saloon passengers and will arrive at and depart from

the O.S.R. wharf near the Harbour Office.

AMANUSA MARU Monday, 30th Jan.

SWATOW MARU Thursday, 26th Jan.

For sailing dates and further particulars please apply to—

Y. YASUDA, Manager,

No. 1, Queen's Building.

Tel. No. 744 and 745.

For freight, space and particulars apply to:—

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22.—P. & O.	Sutton Hall
27.—B. F.	Dunera
Mar. 1.—B. F.	Agapevior
9.—B. F.	Ningchow
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Apr. 10.—B. F.	Anchises

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 29.—G.P.S.	West Coyote
20.—B. F.	Oyope
30.—J.P.L.	Salema
30.—B. I.	Torilla
30.—N.Y.K.	Wakasa Maru
31.—B. F.	Tancer

Feb. 4.—E. & A.	St. Albans
7.—B. I.	Japan
12.—B. F.	Calches
13.—B. F.	Elponor
14.—P. & O.	Nagoya
16.—B. I.	Janus
20.—B. F.	Pyrhus
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**SPORT.****FOOTBALL.****"SHIELD" MATCH.****"TAMAR" v. "ALACRITY."**

The first match in connection with the Hongkong Football Shield Competition was played off on the Navy "A" ground at Happy Valley on Monday afternoon, when the "Tamar" met and defeated the "Alacrity" by 3 goals to 1.

The match was evenly contested in the opening stages, and until Smith was penalised for tripping, neither side gained any material advantage. Unfortunately for the "Tamar" the offence occurred in the penalty area and making no mistake with the penalty kick, the "Alacrity" centre forward put his side ahead.

The "Tamar" went down from the centre. The ball dodged about the goal mouth in a dangerous manner for some time, and then Hudson took a pot shot which landed the ball in the net beyond the goalie's reach.

Heartened by the equalizer, the "Tamar" returned to the attack and Willington put them one up with a swift ground shot from close range, following a well placed corner kick.

Stung by the reverse, the "Alacrity" took up the offensive and worried the "Tamar" defence for a considerable time. However, they could not score. The ball on several occasions all but entered the net, missing the uprights by inches.

Towards the close of the game the "Tamar" went away, and Hill getting close in, put them two up with a first timer which gave the goalee no chance.

The final whistle came soon afterwards and found the "Tamar" winners by 3 goals to 1.

Referee: Mr. Williams.

MATCH POSTPONED.

The "Durban" is unable to turn out a team for its match with the South China "Tigers" arranged for to-day, and the match has been postponed until a date to be fixed later.

CRICKET.**CLUB v. SERVICES.**

This will be a two-day match during Chinese New Year Holidays, between the H.K.C.C. and the United Services on the Club ground, commencing 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 28th January and Monday 30th January. The Club will be represented by the following:—R. Hauck (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, E. J. R. McNeill, G. K. S. Yer, K. B. Reed, L. J. Davies, B. D. Evans, E. G. Lammett, C. Baile, E. L. Bangs and E. W. Hamilton.

GOLF.

The result of the Bogey Pool played over the last week end at Faunton is as follows:—

J. D. Kinnard	3 down.
R. Appel	4 down.
D. de B. Newcomb	

FUNERAL.**CAPTAIN EDWARD WALKER.**

The funeral of the late Captain Edward Walker, master of the Douglas s.s. "Haiyang," took place at Happy Valley yesterday evening. There was a large attendance of engineers and officers of the different ships in harbour to pay their last tribute to an old and faithful friend.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay performed the burial service at the graveside.

Among those present were Mr. E. Walker and Mrs. Walker (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs. W. Bennett, J. Miller, W. Hughes, L. Paine and Hood (Chief Officer), Chief Engineer, Second Officer, Second Engineer and Fourth Engineer respectively; Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. G. W. Barton, Mr. H. P. White, Lt.-Comdr. Laurenson, of the China Coast Officers' Guild, Captain W. Passmore, Captain J. Thompson, Captain T. Hall and Captain J. Shear; Lt. and Mrs. W. Digby, Mrs. Hammes and Mrs. Cooper; Messrs. J. E. Gomes, A. E. Benson, Loing and W. F. O'Farrell.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Lindsay said that it was a little over a year ago that he buried Mrs. Walker, whose death he very much regretted, and now it was his sad privilege to lay to rest so soon afterwards, Edward Walker. The deceased had been cut down in early manhood, but such was God's will. Speaking for himself he could not take this very solemn service without being reminded of the brevity of life and very often the sudden cutting short of one's days. Rev. Lindsay concluded by expressing, on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, his sympathy to the mourners, especially the near relatives.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, including those from the following:—

- "Ellie and Babs" (brother and sister-in-law), "Frances and Con" • Barbara and Teddy; Officers and Engineers of the s.s. "Haiyang," General Managers of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., Engineers of the s.s. "Haiyang," The China Coast Officers' Guild and Members of Phoenix Club; Mr. and Mrs. J. Witchell Captain and Mrs. W. Passmore, Mrs. C. J. Hammes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Churcher, Nellie Laing, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Higby, Captain and Mrs. L. McConnell Hussey, Miss and Mrs. F. Endell Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsay, Messrs. C. D. Farmer, Miller and Bennett, A. E. Benson, G. W. Barton, G. Stark, C. Edgecumbe, H. P. White, Comor, C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Lieut. Conway Hale, R.N.R., Captain E. W. Matthews, Messrs. J. E. Gomes and A. Simpson.

"White Magic" is the name given to the new dance invented by Miss Moss, who, with her partner, Mr. Fontana, dances it every evening at Caridge's ball-room in Paris. It is a kind of waltz step and is becoming very popular.

LOCAL SCHOOLS.**UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION AND SENIOR EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1921.****SUMMARY OF RESULTS, PERCENTAGES OF PASSES ETC.**

in Grant-in-Aid (Church) and Government Schools.

BOYS' SCHOOLS.

	Entries	Matric:	Senior Matric:	Total Per cent.		Scholarships
				Passes	Passes Of	
1. Diocesan Boys' School (Church of England.)	17	0	14	2	16	94.1
2. St. Joseph's College (Roman Catholic.)	16	5	10	7	17	80.9
3. St. Paul's College (Church of England)	9	0	4	3	7	77.7
4. Ying Wah College (London Mission.)	2	3	1	1	2	40.0
5. Queen's College (Government School.)	12	5	4	1	5	29.1
6. St. Stephen's College.	15	15	14	14	14	93.3

Of the four Scholarships three were open Scholarships and one a Masonic Scholarship.

GIrlS' SCHOOLS.

	No. of Entries	No. of Juniors	% of Passes	No. of Passes	No. of Dists:	No. of Boys with Dists:	% of Boys with Dists:
1. French Convent (Roman Catholic.)	0	6	0	6	6	100.0	2
2. Diocesan Girls' School (Church of England.)	0	7	0	7	7	100.0	1
3. Belilos Public (Government School.)	0	11	0	10	10	90.0	1
4. Italian Convent (Roman Catholic.)	1	6	1	5	6	85.7	1
5. St. Stephen's Girls' College	0	3	0	3	3	100.0	1

BOYS' SCHOOLS.

	No. of Entries	No. of Juniors	% of Passes	No. of Passes	No. of Dists:	No. of Boys with Dists:	% of Boys with Dists:
1. Diocesan Boys' School (Church of England.)	22	18	81.8%	18	10	55.5%	
2. Queen's College (Government School.)	60	48	80.0%	28	16	33.3%	
3. St. Joseph's College (Roman Catholic.)	74	51	69.8%	12	10	19.6%	
4. St. Paul's College (Church of England)	34	21	61.8%	4	4	19.04%	
5. Wah Yan (Roman Catholic.)	32	13	40.6%	1	1	.7%	
6. Ying Wah (London Mission.)	13	5	38.4	0	0	.0%	
7. St. Stephen's College	20	12	60%	0	0	.0%	

GIrlS' SCHOOLS.

	No. of Entries	No. of Juniors	% of Passes	No. of Passes	No. of Dists:	No. of Boys with Dists:	% of Boys with Dists:
1. Diocesan Girls' School (Church of England)	9	9	100.0%	5	4	44.4%	
2. French Convent (Roman Catholic)	9	9	100.0%	4	3	33.3%	
3. Belilos Public (Government School)	8	7	87.5%	4	3	42.8%	
4. Italian Convent (Roman Catholic)	12	9	75.0%	4	3	33.3%	
5. St. Stephen's Girls' College	3	3	100.0%	0	0	.0%	

SHADOWS BEFORE.**COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."****ENTERTAINMENTS.**

January 25.—Coronet Theatre, "Out of the Storm," Hongkong Theatre, "High Speed," World Theatre, "Man Trackers," Kowloon Theatre, Special Dance.

February 4.—Warwick Comedy Company, Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

January 28.—Victoria Recreation Club Maids Fancy Dress Dance.

February 10.—The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, annual ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

January 30.—Victoria Recreation Club Scratch Regatta, Black Boulder Point.

February 20.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, first day, The Challenge Cup.

February 21.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, second day, The Hongkong Derby.

February 22.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, third day, The Champion Stakes.

February 25.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, fourth day, The Hongkong Handicap.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES.

January 26.—Hughes and Hough, household furniture, No. 6 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.

January 26.—Hughes and Hough, Japanese curios, Sales rooms, 2.30 p.m.

February 7.—Hughes and Hough, firewood, packing cases, etc. H.M. Naval Dockyard, 9.30 a.m.

February 8.—Lamme Bros. leasehold property at Fuk Tung Hung (Kowloon), Sales rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 26.—West Point Building Co., Ltd. (11.30 a.m.) The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., (11.45 a.m.): The Hongkong Land Reclamation, Co. Ltd. (noon); and The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd. (12.25 p.m.) The offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co. Ltd.

February 1.—Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting, to consider resolution increasing capital from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Hongkong Hotel, noon.

February 3.—The West Point Building Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to consider resolution that the company be wound up voluntarily. Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 4.—Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., ordinary annual general meeting, Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

February 6.—The Nancy Moller Steamship Co., Ltd., creditors' meeting. Offices of Seth, Mancell and McLaren, 7 Avenue Edouard VII, Shanghai, 4 p.m.

February 7.—The Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., Union Building, noon.

February 10.—The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., 23rd, ordinary general meeting, Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, noon.

February 14.—Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to consider resolution increasing capital from \$855,000 to \$1,500,000. Registered Offices, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, London.</p

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Fire Ball Drops.

A great ball of fire was seen to fall out of the south west sky at Eastbourne on the night of December 8, and appeared to drop into the sea over Beachy Head. It occurred about 9.30, and the sight was witnessed by scores of people on the sea front. Starting like a shooting star at a tremendous height, it gathered in brilliance as it approached the earth, lighting up the clouds over Beachy Head like an enormous sunburst. Cast-guards on the shanty of the Head were startled by its sudden appearance, but are unable to account for it or to ascertain where it came from. They report that it appeared to drop close to the land in the direction of Newhaven and Seaford.

THE BABY TURTLE AND THE BLUE STAR.

Instinct in young animals is still a mystery to science, little understood, observes *Eccentric Science*. A recent observation seems to show that its laws are physical to a greater extent than naturalists generally believe. A turtle which hatched from eggs laid by the parent on dry land was soon at the sea. As they move unerringly for the sea. To discover what guided them, sheets of coloured paper were tried. When a red or yellow sheet was placed in front of the baby turtle he would turn and try another direction, but a blue sheet attracted him towards it wherever it was placed. Colour, then, rather than an instinctive sense of direction, would seem to be the guide for the newly hatched turtle. But even so, it was instinct, hereditary in him, that told him his proper home was coloured blue.

GIRL BURNED ALIVE.

A tragedy was enacted in a small village in Eastern Pomerania which affords a parallel to the Grand Gauch story of "The Old Women," which has been lately thrilling London, writes the *Daily Express*' Berlin correspondent on December 5. Three elderly women of Lowenburg in this drama of real life became victims of the charms of a young dressmaker, named Elsa Walstein. They deceived the girl to a lonely spot in the country, and then, on the pretext that she was possessed of the devil, they stripped her and bound her to a stake. A fire of dry grass, wood, and reed was built up round the stake, which quickly enveloped the girl. The three women knelt beside the fire, and while the flames greedily licked the dressmaker's white handiwork on the girl One to leave the body of his victim. The girl died in the greatest agony.

THE CRY OF THE SHIPOWNERS.

Mrs. William Beardmore launched from their yard at Dalmuir the twin-screw steamer *Esperance Bay*, the second of two sister ships built for the Commonwealth Government Line of steamers. Lord Inverauray in proposing success to the new ship at a subsequent luncheon referred to the present position of shipbuilding. Despite the reduction of steel prices, he said, the cry of shipowners was still "too dear." Therefore, it behoved shipbuilders, employers and employees, to make personal sacrifices to reduce the cost of production. There was still room for considerable effort, not so much on the question of wages as in adjusting the working conditions. Payment by result was one of the most important. Mr. Shepherd, Acting High Commissioner in acknowledging the toast, said the greatest problem was the cost of production, but Australia had beaten Britain in constructing smaller ships, which they could build for £2,000 less and yet pay higher wages.

THE PRINCE'S HORSES.

In an interesting article on the Prince of Wales's Stud at Dartmoor a correspondent of the *Times* devoted much attention to the Arabs, which hold a prominent place in that Royal breeding ground. Among the three Arab stallions is one which was bred by the King of the Hedjaz, who presented him to the prince. Another named Kowait was a gift from the Sheikh of Kuwait, and the third is thought to be the only living pure-bred son of the famous Dwarak, who will be remembered as the winner of several races in India. He was a Kophelian, bred in the Arabian desert by the Amazeb, and he died at Princeton a short time ago. His two year-old son is described by the *Times* correspondent as a shapely little fellow, promising to grow into a gallero. The Dartmoor pony is supposed to have a good deal of Eastern blood in its veins, and it is suggested that the crossing of the Arab with the Home-bred product may have an important bearing upon the future of light horse breeding in England.

WHAT IS, CHINA?

A HARD QUESTION TO ANSWER.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, Chinese Charge d'Affairs, was the principal guest at a meeting of the Aldwych Club on December 13, and delivered an address upon China, dealing with the theme "What is China?"

He pointed out that the question had been asked at the Washington Conference, and it still remained unanswered satisfactorily. Discussing it from all aspects, such as historical, geographical, social, financial and commercial, Mr. Chu particularly dealt with the political situation, remarking that China had political troubles to-day; they did not deny it. But no country in the world could well get rid of politics altogether, especially such a country as China which had newly changed its form of Government and was faced with critical problems on reorganisation and reconstruction. No doubt they had learned from the newspapers that China herself is divided into two parts, namely, the North and the South. It was true in name, but untrue in fact. China had but one Government, with sectional differences and political controversies, through which certain people had attempted to separate themselves from its central Government. But no separation would be allowed. The Chinese people at large were hoping and working for a union which was most essential to China's stability and prosperity. They were confident they would succeed before long.

FIGHTING BY TELEGRAM.

The Chinese people were known as a peace-loving people. Perhaps they were not aware of the fashion of Chinese fighting. They did not usually fight one another by means of arms, but the fighting was usually practised by means of telegrams; that is to say, one party condemned the other by the expression of its political opinions in a telegram, and the other opponent also argued back by telegram. This fashion of fighting had been in practice particularly since the new regime. The overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty was not entirely due to its being conquered by arms. The Revolution did not last long, and resulted in a very little killing, unlike the results of revolutions in other countries. The internal troubles of China at present, though reported in the newspapers as being bloodthirsty, were not so in actual fighting; in nine cases out of ten, people were fighting, not by arms, but through wires. China's political disturbances never lasted very long, as was shown in her history. Whenever one Dynasty was overthrown, there must have been some sort of political disorder which would have caused a division in some parts of the country. But after a certain period of time, when the sectional differences disappeared, unification was at once resumed.

Socially, since the new regime, Chinese people have appreciated

ideals of duty to State, instead of holding up the family as a social unit, as hitherto. Western education brought into Chinese life, combines with what China once possessed. In social reforms, foot-binding, opium smoking, and the queue, have been legally abolished. In Finance public debts were only \$2.50 per head, and taxation is the lightest in the world, being \$1.50 per head. In the matter of finance China is justified in asking the foreign Powers to give her back freedom of tariff, or at least to be allowed to raise to approximately 12 per cent. Economically and commercially, equilibrium remains stationary since the war. As a producer, China has an unlimited supply of raw materials and food-stuffs and as a consumer she has a large market for manufactured products.

TEMPERAMENT.

The Chinese are more akin to the English than almost any other nation. Both sides have a strong family instinct, business keenness, commercial probity, a pronounced sense of humour, great industry, easy adaptability to all forms of progress, strong colonising instincts, and a very well-defined sense of right and wrong, of justice and fairness. There are two great drawbacks in the way of a better understanding; firstly, the great distance, and, secondly, language. In time to come we may modify the latter, and we are modifying the other now. Hence the great impetus to education, the stimulus to student emigration to this country and the incentive to English firms to send young men to China to be trained in Chinese habits and customs, and to learn the Chinese language. English manufacturers should allow Chinese students to get practical experience from their factories, with a view to adapting themselves to the machinery and tools of English make. Let him tell them what China offered. She offered to keep her door wide open. She also expected her neighbours and allies to help her keep her door practically and permanently open. She offered equal opportunity to all the Treaty Powers. In this sense, there should be no preference, such as special interests and spheres of influence. Next, what China wanted was fair treatment, when she would know how to return the obligation by reciprocation. She wanted a guarantee for her safety, from external aggression and encroachment, and in case of war—whilst she was not a belligerent party, her neutral rights should be strictly honoured. She wanted political freedom. Finally she wanted peace, but peace must be based on a permanent foundation, which was justice. The chief aim of the world to-day was commerce, and the chief aim of China was peace. To look for the benefit of commerce while doing injustice to China, thus jeopardising peace in the Far East, was like placing the cart before the horse. Beyond question, justice to China would not only serve as a key to the peace of the Far East, but to the peace of the whole world.

MAN TRACKERS.

George Larkin, co-featured with Josephine Hill in "Man Trackers," the epic of the grim and silent North which is now pleasing the patrons of the World Theatre, performs some extraordinary feats of strength, endurance and daring throughout the action of this screen drama.

When Universal made its first big serial, "The Trey O'Hearts" some seven years ago, George Larkin was the player featured in the leading role. Having been a circus performer since he was five years old, and accustomed to feats of daring almost since he could walk, Larkin thought nothing of jumping off the roof of a building, from a speeding train or across a deep ravine. All he wanted was a fighting chance for safety, and he would go through with any stunt required by the scenario. As a result he became known as one of the foremost serial stars. He has also been starred and featured in many feature productions requiring an actor who combined histrionic skill and the ability to inject a physical thrill into the action. Immediately preceding his appearance in "Man Trackers" he played the leading male role opposite Eileen Sedgwick in the Universal serial, "Terror Trail."

Two Chinese cases of enteric fever, one of which was fatal, were reported yesterday.

For the Chinese New Year holidays, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Saturday and Monday. The Imports and Exports Office will be closed on Saturday and Sunday but will be open until noon on Monday. Licensed warehouses will be entirely closed on these days.

"The Book of the Ford Van"—The second edition of "The Book of the Ford Van" by R. T. Nicholson, M.A., just introduced by Temple Press Ltd., has been thoroughly revised and enlarged. It contains complete information as to the management, upkeep and driving of the Ford van in simple, non-technical language. It goes fully into the commercial possibilities of this widely used vehicle for goods transport, and gives useful advice on increasing business, and reducing costs to a minimum. It is, furthermore, a thoroughly practical handbook and contains a large number of illustrations, which clearly explain all the features of the Ford chassis. It has been brought fully up to date, and deals with the complete electric lighting and starting equipment in an entirely new chapter containing many illustrations. Altogether, it is an indispensable and complete handbook for the Ford van owner and driver.

It is published by Temple Press Ltd., 7-18, Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C. 1, and can also be supplied by leading booksellers at 3s. net, postage, 6d. 3d.

SALESMAN ROBBED.

FOUR MEN RANSACK FLAT.

Early yesterday morning a Chinese salesman's flat was entered by four men who forced the stair door. One of them produced a knife and threatened to stab the salesman if he offered resistance. The others ransacked the place, stealing clothing to the value of \$18. The robbers all escaped, fastening the door from the outside as they went. Later in the morning a man was arrested with property in his possession alleged to be part of the booty. He was produced before Magistrate Wood this morning and charged with having been concerned in the robbery. A week's remand was given on the application of the police for further enquiries to be made.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kiungchow, (B. & S.) from Bangkok.—B.12.

Kumsang, (J.M. & Co.) from Calcutta, Singapore.—Wharf.

Cadaretta, (Admiral line) from Saigon.—C.44.

Azay le Rideau, (M.M. Cie.) from Marseilles, Haiphong.—A.25.

Tat uno Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Yokohama, Moji.—Wharf.

Soushi Maru, (O. S. K.) from Takao, Swatow.—B.55.

Kosho Maru, (O. S. K.) from Calculta, Saigon.—Stonecutter.

Nichiei Maru, (Y. K. K.) from Keelung.—C.18.

CLEARANCES.

Kaijo Maru, (O.S.K.) for Swatow, Keelung.—Jan. 24.

Lake Farrar, (Admiral Line.) for Saigon.—Jan. 24.

Hoosier State, (P. M. S. S. Co.) for Shanghai, San Francisco.—Jan. 25.

Azay le Rideau, (M. M. Cie.) for Shanghai, Yokohama.—Jan. 25.

Tenno Maru, (Kwong Nguan Seng) for Bangkok.—Jan. 25.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on Jan. 25 (6.30 a.m.) leaves there Jan. 26 (8 p.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 27 (6 p.m.).

The P. & O. s.s. "Lahore" left Bombay for this port on Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. and is due here about Feb. 7.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left London on Jan. 6 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 12.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dovana" left London on Jan. 20 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 27.

The P. & O. s.s. "Ta han" which sailed from Liverpool on Jan. 20 for ports in the Far East is expected in Hongkong in the beginning of March.

The Dredge-Castle Line's s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on Jan. 6 for ports in the Far East via Panama, and is expected here in the beginning of March.

There were 525 divorces in Scotland in 1921, as compared with 610 in 1920, but the number is still more than double the average. Husbands were petitioners in 284 cases and wives in 241. Only 14 petitions were refused.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 25th, 11h. 57m.—Pressures changes since yesterday are small at all reporting stations.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and moderate winds over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to day, total 1.06 inches. Total since January 1st, 0.96 inches against an average of 0.94 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 26, 1922.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. wind, fresh gale.

2.—From Gap Rock to N.E. wind, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 25, 1922—8 a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level	Impression.	Wind.	
				Direction	Force
Yantze River	6 a.m.	30.14	7	N.E.	1
Shantou	6 a.m.	—	—	S.E.	1
Chinkiang	—	—	—	S.E.	1
Chiappa	—	—	—	S.E.	1
Yunnan	—	—	—	S.E.	1
Shanghai	30.45	31.75	N.W.	2	0
Macau	30.45	30.80	R.W.	2	0
Tsingtao	30.45	30.80	R.W.	2	0
Amoy	30.13	30.84	E.N.E.	2	0
Swatow	—	—	—	S.E.	3
Taihoku	30.16	30.89	E.N.E.	2	b
Takao	30.10	30.77	—	—	b
Taiwan	30.06	30.79	N.E.	4	0
Kochin	30.04	30.81	N.E.	5	0
Possessor	30.12	30.89	S.E.	5	0
Portuguese	30.14	30.88	N.E.	6	0
Macau	30.16	30.84	E.N.E.	4	0
Amoy	30.16	30.84	E.N.E.	4	0
Swatow	30.16	30.84	E.N.E.	4	0
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THE CHINA MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1922.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

(Owing to the Chinese government's strike these dates cannot be relied on except where the companies are not affected)

SWATOW.

Jan. 28. O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

27. I.C.S.N. Waishing.

27. I.C.S.N. Hangchow.

27. C.N. Lianan.

27. C.N. Tienan.

27. C.N. Chinkiang.

27. C.N. Ningpo.

29. O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

AMOY.

Jan. 28. O.S.K. Soshu Maru.

29. O.S.K. Amakusa M.

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 26. R.F. Thetsu.

26. R.F. Wenzhou.

24. R.F. Dandong.

27. I.C.S.N. Hangchow.

27. I.C.S.N. Waishing.

27. C.N. Ningpo.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
RETURN OF OPTIMISM.

WASHINGTON, January 24th.—Chinese and Japanese have reached an agreement returning the Shantung salt mines to China. China is to put the Chinese interest therein at a flat price to be determined later.

THE NEAR EAST.

CONVENTIONAL. January 24th.—The Franco-British participants with reference to the Near East have so far agreed that Lord Curzon has submitted a note stating the British contention is understood that evacuation of Shantung is admitted with adequate guarantees to Christian minorities in effect the acceptance of a Christian Convention, and the modification of the Treaty of Tientsin which it is suggested should now be made slightly south of the Black Sea, i.e., Chefoo and the Amak River, Erivan, Turkish Armenia, and consider this frontier to be closed to all.

LONDON BANKERS SUED.

NEW YORK, January 24th.—The Municipality of Buenos Aires has sued to sue the London firm, Barron Brothers, for the undivided portion of £1,000,000 due to approximately a dozen foreign and bankers' account that a German syndicate undertaken the responsibility for the loan before the war but the Municipality argues that the whole loan was contracted with Barron's who hitherto have received nothing on it.

VIENNA BOURSE.

VIENNA, January 24th.—Foreign currencies rose to an unprecedented height on the Bourse. The pound was quoted at over forty thousand crowns, and the dollar at ten thousand crowns, and it is probably explained by continued decrease of public confidence in Austria's money.

SAXON RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED.

BUTTER, January 24th.—The Saxon railway strike is ended.

GENOA CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 24th.—Two Chinese ladies are now carrying on the unoccupied French-British negotiations. It is understood that M. Poincaré suggested that the currency of the Anglo-French Pact should be extended to cover 20 years and that the terms thereof should be laid down on a more general basis with finer definitions to exclude certain general terms like "General agreement."

With a view to settling outstanding Anglo-French differences in preparation for Geneva, two minor conferences are being arranged in the first place at Paris between the British, French, and Italian Foreign Ministers in an effort to bring peace to the Near East, and, secondly, in London, Lord Curzon and the French and Spanish representatives will fix the status of Tangier.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Co.'s "West Cayote" will be loading for Japan at Portland, Oregon or about Jan. 31. Agents—Arahan Bros. and Co., Ltd.

Owing to the strike conditions, the date of the sailing of the "China" had to be cancelled. The next sailing will depend upon the fact that the men will return to their duties.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" is expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong on Jan. 26.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai on Jan. 21 (2.30 p.m.) and is due at Manila on Jan. 25 (6 a.m.).

The B.I. & S. "James" left Calcutta on Jan. 11 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Jan. 22.

The U.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 17 (8.30 a.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 27 (6 a.m.).

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeypore" left Bombay on Jan. 13 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about Jan. 29.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Co.'s "West Cayote" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 8 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong via Shantung and Manila about Jan. 28.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Wakao Maru" (Hambury Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Muji on Jan. 23 and is expected home on Jan. 30.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" is expected to leave Colombo on Jan. 30 for Hongkong.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Mayedoshi Maru" (Hambury Line) left Birkenhead for Hongkong via Suze on the 20th and is expected home on Jan. 31.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kaya Maru" (Hambury Line) left London for Hongkong via Suze on Dec. 24 and is expected home on Jan. 31.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Tony Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 21 and sailed Jan. 23 being due at Hongkong Feb. 1.

The B.I. & S. "Tanda" left Calcutta on Jan. 10 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 7.

The P. & O. s.s. "Lahore" left Bombay on Jan. 10 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 7.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tottori Maru" (Hambury Line) left Antwerp for Hongkong via Suze on Dec. 18 and is expected home on Feb. 8.

The Dulwich Castle Line s.s. "Dover Castle" which sailed from New York on Dec. 1 for the Far East via Panama Canal, arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 19 and is expected here about Feb. 19.

PEPPERY MAJOR

REBUKED BY MR. JUSTICE DARLING.

A lively scene occurred in the King's Bench Division during the hearing, before Mr. Justice Darling, of an action by Major W. Boyd Shannon against the Longlands Cattle and Tobacco Farm Syndicate, Ltd.

His Lordship several times rebuked the plaintiff, ordering him to apologise to counsel for "gross impertinence" under threat of stopping the case.

The Major, who created a scene with a riding crop at a company meeting a short time ago, brought a counter-claim in an action for £900 calls on shares held by him in the company. Judgment had been given for the company, subject to a counterclaim, which alleged that in order to induce Major Shannon to take share in the company untrue representations were made. The allegations were denied. Judgment was given for the company.

You give me the impression that you quarrel with everybody; I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that you are an impossible person, remarked the Judge, in consequence of the Major's reply in the witness-box to questions by Mr. Arthur Jones, K.C., for the company.

Asked by counsel what occupation he now followed, the Major retorted: "I follow the occupation of providing a livelihood for counsel who misrepresent cases before the court."

It's Lordship: That is a piece of gross impertinence. If you don't apologise I shall hear no more of your case. Apologise to the learned counsel.

I apologise at your direction," said the Major.

To another question by counsel, witness complained to his Lordship: "Is he entitled to make a false statement?"

His Lordship: He is not making a false statement. He has asked you a question, and not an improper question. Have you ever served on a Court-martial?

Major Shannon: Yes. I have sat on a Court-martial involving the honour of officers.

His Lordship: I am sorry to hear that.

Counsel read a statement in which it was said that Major Shannon attended a company meeting carrying with him a riding crop. There was also a reference to someone's nose being pulled, and Mr. Jones asked Major Shannon: Did he (Mr. Weil, of the company) pull your nose?

Major Shannon: No; no man living has ever done that.

I have a good record as an officer," said Major Shannon.

That may be, but a very poor record as a gentleman," the Judge retorted.

Dr. Risien Russell said he saw Major Shannon last May, and came to the conclusion, and he could come to no other, that he was of sound mind. He could not trace any sign that Major Shannon was suffering from hallucination or delusion.

The Judge found that the representations of which Major Shannon complained were not made by any agent of the plaintiff company, but by one who was an agent of the lessees who sold the estate to the company. That being so, it was not necessary to inquire how far they were true or not. Major Shannon's action must fail on that ground alone.

Furthermore, he failed to repudiate his liability respecting the shares in a proper time.

Major Shannon's claim for £200, which he said he expended on behalf of the company during a visit to Rhodesia, was next proceeded with.

The Judge held that Major Shannon was not sent out by the company, and judgment would be for the company on the counterclaim.

He came to the conclusion that Major Shannon went to South Africa to settle in order to avoid the income tax which people in England paid. No doubt that was sufficient reason to drive anybody far beyond the limits of South Africa.

The doctor's explanation had been given for the satisfaction of Major Shannon himself, but it did not explain or destroy the absurdity of the claim he put forward, the unbecoming manner in which he chose to assert them, or his insulting manner to counsel in the course of cross-examination.

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